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9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A hollow-interior vehicle door comprising:

an outer panel element;

a functional part; and

an internal stiffening structure, wherein said internal stiffening structure includes a first stiffening element for supporting said outer panel element and a second stiffening element for supporting said functional part, wherein said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element have contact at a connecting surface which defines an access opening to a door interior.

10. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said second stiffening element further includes a window frame.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said first stiffening element includes an inwardly pointing wall and said second stiffening element includes an outwardly pointing wall, and said connecting surface is formed by an ~~said~~ outwardly pointing wall of said second stiffening element and an ~~said~~ inwardly pointing wall of said first stiffening element.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, further including a seal that seals ~~off~~ the vehicle door with respect to a vehicle chassis and is arranged on a door side of said connecting surface between said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element.

13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 12, wherein a connecting bolt secures said first stiffening element to said second stiffening element, said connecting bolt including a bolt head having a clamping surface for clamping said seal.

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14. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, further including a lock compartment wall provided on one of said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element and a free wall ~~and~~ provided on the other of said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element, wherein said free wall ~~and~~ is sealingly supported against said one of said first stiffening element and said second stiffening element to encapsulate a door lock.
15. (WITHDRAWN) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said functional part is at least one of a hinge, a hinge plate, a closure element, a window lift and a loudspeaker.
16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, further including an inner panel element.
17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said internal stiffening structure is substantially pan-shaped.
18. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said outer panel element is substantially lid-shaped.
19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said first stiffening element is substantially framed shaped and said second stiffening element is substantially pan-shaped.
20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The vehicle door according to claim 9, wherein said functional part is a hinge.